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APPLICATION OF

WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY AND SHENANDOAH GAS DIVISION OF WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE-2002-00364

**For a general increase in natural gas
rates and charges and approval of
performance-based rate regulation
methodology pursuant to
Va. Code § 56-235.6**

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

January 21, 2003

On January 16, 2003, Washington Gas Light Company ("Washington Gas") and the Shenandoah Gas Division ("Shenandoah") of WGL (collectively, the "Company") filed a Motion to Reduce Certain Interim Miscellaneous Service Charges. The Company seeks approval of reductions to certain interim miscellaneous service charges effective for service on and after February 1, 2003. In support of the Motion the Company states that on November 2, 2002, the Company filed proposed tariff, Va. S.C.C. No. 9, including proposed miscellaneous charges for implementation, on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service on and after November 12, 2002. The Company also filed a bond in the amount of \$23,810,000 to secure any refunds subsequently ordered by the Commission. By Ruling filed November 8, 2002, the Company's bond and interim tariff, Va. S.C.C. No. 9, were accepted for filing, effective for service rendered on and after November 12, 2002. On November 19, 2002, Staff Witness Henderson filed testimony which, among other things, recommended reductions and modifications to some of the proposed service charges. In rebuttal testimony filed by Company Witness Yagelski, the Company agreed to Staff's recommended changes. Further, counsel for the Company states that the parties to this proceeding do not oppose the Motion.

Good cause having been shown, I find the Motion to Reduce Certain Miscellaneous Service Charges should be, and is hereby, **granted**. Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED that the Company shall implement reductions to certain of the interim miscellaneous service charges, as shown in the table in Paragraph (7) of its January 16, 2003, Motion, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2003.

Deborah V. Ellenberg
Chief Hearing Examiner